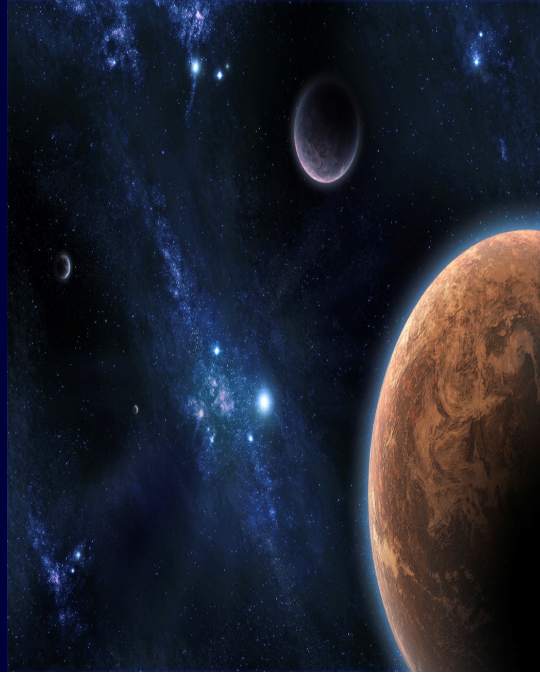


THE SOLAR SYSTEM

Lesson

Kids are very curious about the world they live in. As we grow, children ask “what’s that?” and “why?” When you go outside in the afternoon or middle of the night, there is usually one of two large objects in the sky, the sun or the moon. If your child hasn’t asked you about them yet, you should take this time to teach her about our solar system. Our solar system consists of asteroids, comets, moons, planets, and other objects. The sun is a star that gives our planet, Earth, all of its energy to maintain life. It is also the object that provides the light in the daytime hours. The moon is an object that is full of craters, mountains, etc. and provides some light in the



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evening hours. There are also stars that illuminate the night sky. If your child is showing more interest in the solar system, help them explore it and introduce them to the many other objects that occupy the sky. It would also be a great idea to teach your child about astronauts and their explorations.

Snack Time

Create a Moon Pie:

All you need are two round graham cracker cookies and marshmallows to use as the filling for the center.



Outing

Take your child outside and show them the sunset. NEVER look directly at the sun. Inform them that the sun rises in the east and sets in the west. You may also want to take your child outside to see the moon and the stars.

Reading Time

- There's No Place like Space!: All about Our Solar System, by Tish Rabe, Dr Seuss
- Me and My Place in Space, by Joan Sweeney
- I Wonder Why Stars Twinkle and Other Questions about Space, by Carole Stott

